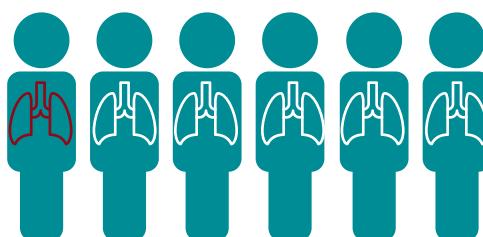


# Black Missourians and Asthma Inequity

Health inequities are differences in health status or in the distribution of health resources between different population groups, arising from the social conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age. Health inequities are unfair and could be reduced by the right mix of government policies.

1 in 6 Black Missourians have Asthma



Black Missourians are more likely to suffer from severe asthma and die from asthma compared to White Missourians



**7x higher**  
emergency room visits



**6x higher**  
hospitalizations

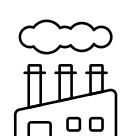


**3x higher**  
death rate  
from asthma

## What causes health inequities in asthma?



Racism, classism, and discrimination in policies that disadvantage certain groups of people.



Pollution in the environment that makes asthma symptoms worse.

## And poor access to:



healthy and  
affordable  
housing



quality  
food  
choices



healthy schools  
and quality  
education



quality  
health  
care



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